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E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: PINS, PEPR, CD

SUBJECT: UNREST AMONG THE REBELS

1. WHILE OUR SOURCES OF INFORMATION ON EVENTS IN NORTHERN CHAD ARE LIMITED, IT IS CLEAR THAT SIGNIFICIANT FIGHTING IS GOING ON IN AT LEAST A THREE-WAY STRUGGLE WITHIN THE RANKS OF FROLINAT. INVOLVED ARE LIBYAN REGULARS, TOUBOUS (DIVIDED, SOME UNDER GOUKOUNI AND SOME IN OPPOSITION TO HIM), AND ARABS (UNDER ACYL AHMEND). CLASHES HAVE ALLEGEDLY OCCURRED, WITH HEAVY CASUALTIES, IN SALAL, FAYA LARGEAU, ARADA, AOZOU, AND EVEN ADVANCED POSTS IN LIBYA. GOUKOUNI APPARENTLY CONFIDENTIAL

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REMAINS LOY9AL TO LIBYANS, AND IS ATTEMPTING TO REASSERT LEADERSHIP. LIBYAN REINFORCEMENTS ARE REPORTEDLY ENROUTE TO PROBLEM AREAS, BUT WHETHER AS A RESCUE OPERATION FOR ENDANGERED TROOPS OR AS REINFORCEMENTS TO INCREASE CONTROL AND OPERATIONAL STRENGTH REMAINS TO BE SEEN.

2. IN MEANTIME, GOVERNMENT WOULD LIKE TO PROFIT FROM DISSENSION BY MOVING NORTH, BUT IS TOO TIMID, AFTER EARLIER EEFEATS, TO MOVE WITHOUT FRENCH SUPPORT. LATTER HAS NOT TO DATE BEEN FORTHCOMING. BRADFORD

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